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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 2123  
PATENT APPLICATION  
Q53854**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Yukio NAKAJIMA

Appln. No.: 09/269,972

Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No.: 1844

Examiner: Dwain M. CRAIG

Filed: April 8, 1999

For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION  
ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION  
ANALYZING PROGRAM

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Sir:

Further in response to the Final Office Action dated February 27, 2006, and following the filing of a Notice of Appeal on August 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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